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Stand Up for Europe! – Dealing with anti-democratic slogans Insights and products from a European partnership

Conference and Networking December 11, 2025 | 09.00 a.m. - 05.00 p.m.

Rokkoko Hall of the District of Swabia | Augsburg, Germany

Conference Languages: English / afternoon German with translation



...with Prof. Dr. Klaus-Peter Hufer,
creator of *Argumentation Training Countering Slogans*:

*“Silence is consent –
productive disputes for an open society”*

...and partners from Türkiye, Slovenija,
Hungary, Italy and Germany

Invitation

We cordially invite you to join our conference of *Stand Up for Europe!*, which is an ERASMUS+ European partnership (2024-2026) of organizations in five countries: Türkiye, Slovenia, Hungary, Italy and Germany. The conference is hosted by the *Chair for pedagogics and adult education & Network Civic Education in Bavaria* at the University of Augsburg. Our joint European project developed tools and methods to counter anti-democratic slogans put forward by populist, extremist, sexist and stereotype-based movements. Online-scenarios, an extensive training manual with 40 activities, national reports and dissemination strategies are elements which will be presented; you will get vibrant insights into the current societal and political situation in Europe.

Stand Up for Europe! primarily addresses young people. It focuses on issues that have become particularly relevant in recent years and that are at the center of populist thinking and hate speech today. These topics include: Science, gender identity, climate change, migration, war and human rights.

The products we developed will be useable for workshops with your target groups of Youth, Youth trainers and managers of Civic Education as well as school contexts and educational institutions targeting youth. All resources are available online in German.

We are very happy to also welcome a representative from the European Commission and especially Prof. Dr. Klaus-Peter Hufer as the one who initially created the *Argumentation Training Countering Slogans* 25 years ago – still one of the most successful trainings of Civic Education in Germany.

**Join us, get inspirations & tools –
and use the chance for networking with inspiring people from European institutions!**

Agenda

09.00 a.m. Welcome and overview

Dr. Christian Boeser / Florian Wenzel

Chair for pedagogics and adult education / Network Civic Education in Bavaria, University of Augsburg

Johannes Wessel-Bothe

Representative of EUROPE DIRECT Augsburg

Lorenz Semmler / Lisa Schnatterer

Heads of Pedagogics and Civic Education at the Youth Council of Swabia

09.30 a.m. Process and results of the project *Stand up for Europe!*

Dr. Michael Sommer / Pia Ziyout / Julia Bödeker

Akademie Klausenhof, Hamminkeln, consortium managers of the project ,Stand Up for Europe!'

10.00 a.m. World Café on products and resources of the project and beyond

Partners from Türkiye, Italy, Hungary, Slovenija and Germany

- Ari Inovasyon ve Bilim Egitim Hizmetleri Anonim Şirketi – Consortium of private Doga-schools, Istanbul, Türkiye
Dr. Zuhale Yılmaz Doğan, Umur Bakkal, Danny Arati
- InEuropa, Modena, Italy
Barbara Grazzini, Maria Rosaria Gagliardi
- Katolikus Ifjúsági Alapítvány – Catholic Youth Foundation, Szeged, Hungary
Zsuzsanna Farkas, Barnabás Gergely
- Socialna akademija – Social Academy Ljubljana, Slovenija
Eva Gajšek, Matej Cepin
- Universität Augsburg / Netzwerk Politische Bildung Bayern – University of Augsburg / Network Civic Education Bavaria, Germany
Katrin Kuhla, Florian Wenzel, Dr. Christian Boeser
- Akademie Klausenhof – Academy Klausenhof, Hamminkeln, Germany
Dr. Michael Sommer, Pia Ziyout, Julia Bödeker

Thematic tables:

Project results

- National reports on anti-democratic paroles and civic education
- Training Manual with 40 activities on fostering European Values
- Online-Scenarios for Young people countering anti-democratic situations
- Strategies of disseminating civic education in your organisation and beyond

Cooperation partners

- EUROPE DIRECT Augsburg – offers for European citizens
- Youth Council of Swabia: 'Barcamp' – a tool for large groups with Youth Participation

12.00 a.m. Lunch Break with snacks and informal talks

01.00 p.m. The situation of Europe and approaches of Civic Education

German with automated translation into English

EU approaches to strengthen democracy and rule of law in Europe

Dr. Renke Deckarm

Speaker and deputy head regional representation of the European Commission in Munich

Silence is consent – productive disputes for an open society

Prof. Dr. Klaus-Peter Hufer

Adjunct professor at the University of Duisburg-Essen and creator of the Argumentation Training Countering Slogans

03.30 p.m. Official closing of conference part and appreciation

Dr. Michael Sommer / Pia Ziyout / Julia Bödeker

Akademie Klausenhof, consortium managers of the project ,Stand Up for Europe!'

04.00 p.m. Get together with snacks and chances for networking

05.00 p.m. Inspirational way back home...

Logistics

The event is free of charge including drinks and snacks at lunch time.

Registration: Please register informally via email until November 30, 2025:

Florian Wenzel | florian.wenzel@interpunktionen.de (please contact for questions)

Location: Rokokosaal, Fronhof 4, 86152 Augsburg – close to Dome, center of the city

Virtual tour: <https://www.regierung.schwaben.bayern.de/vr/rokokosaal/>

Get there: From Augsburg train station

STR2 (Straßenbahn) exit Dom (walking distance about 250 meters)

STR4 (Straßenbahn) exit Staatstheater or Busses 23 / 44 / 210 exit Karlstraße
(walking distance about 500 meters)

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